



KALIHI VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 16

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DRAFT REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2016 AKIRA SAKIMA RECREATION CENTER

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Chris Wong called the Kalihi Valley Neighborhood Board No. 16 meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. **A quorum was not established with three (3) members present.** Note: This nine (9)-member Board requires five (5) members to establish a quorum and to take official Board action. Chair Wong reminded everyone of the three (3)-minute time limit for speaking.

Board Members Present – Christina Au Young-Chong (arrived at 7:05 p.m.), Chester Koga, Michael McDonald, Chris Wong, and Joy Yadao (arrived at 7:05 p.m.).

Board Members Absent – Wilton Ching, Devin Donahue, Jack Nagaishi, and Hernando Tan.

Guests – Nancy Bernal (Senator Donna Mercado Kim's Office), Acting Captain Ocean Kaowili (Honolulu Fire Department), Sergeant Keith Kessler (Honolulu Police Department, District 5), Oryn Nakamura (Board of Water Supply), Pascual Dabis (Kalihi-Uka Booster); Reginald Mangahas, Liz Mangahas, Edwina Antonio, Sol Delacruz-Ferrer, Virginia Dela Cruz, Ernesto Ferrer, Chad Acob, and Kate Wetzstein (Iglesia Ni Cristo); April Bautista (Office of Elections), Hazel Murakami, Trey N., Chace Shigemasa (Candidate), John Pagaragan (University of Hawaii student), Michael W. Mulleitner, Steven Antonio (DVDmodo, Videographer), and K. Russell Ho (Neighborhood Commission Office).

CITY MONTHLY REPORTS

Honolulu Fire Department (HFD) – Acting Captain Ocean Kaowili reported the following:

- September 2016 Statistics – There were no fires, 79 medical emergencies, 1 motor vehicle collision with pedestrian, and 2 motor vehicle crashes/collisions.

At 7:05 p.m. Au Young-Chong and Yadao arrived at the meeting; **quorum was established with five (5) members present.**

- Fire Safety Tip – Halloween Safety: When selecting a costume, stay away from long, trailing fabric as it can be a trip hazard or attach to an object and cause a fall. If creating the costume, select fire-resistant materials. If the child is wearing a mask, ensure the eye holes are large enough so they can see. Provide children with flashlights or glow sticks so they can see and be seen. It is safest to use a flashlight or battery-operated candle in a jack-o-lantern. As much as possible, real candles should not be used, as it may be an ignition source for fire if left unattended. However, if candles are used, ensure children are well-supervised at all times, when candles are lit.

Honolulu Police Department (HPD) – Sergeant Keith Kessler reported the following:

- September 2016/August 2016 Statistics (Beat 558/559) – There were 11/8 motor vehicle thefts, 5/4 burglaries, 18/18 thefts, and 8/10 unauthorized entries into a motor vehicle (UEMV). A total of 782/854 calls were placed for service. Statistical information can be found on the HPD public website, www.honolulu.hpd.org.
- Pedestrian Safety – Take charge of pedestrian safety! Always STOP, LOOK (both ways) & WAIT before crossing lanes of traffic. Be aware of motorcyclists and bicyclists. Wear clothing colors that drivers can easily see pedestrians. Remember – Just because the pedestrian can see the driver does not mean that the driver can see the pedestrian.

Chair Wong reminded everyone, as a courtesy to others to silence mobile phones or answer the calls outside.

Board of Water Supply (BWS) – Oryn Nakamura reported the following:

- Water Main Breaks – There were no main breaks in September 2016.
- 2016-2017 Halawa Xeriscape Garden Workshop Schedule – The BWS and Friends of Halawa Xeriscape Garden continue to offer workshops that offer useful tips on how to maintain a beautiful and water-efficient

garden. This year, the garden is also offering workshops on select Wednesdays and Fridays throughout the year, in addition to its regular Saturday schedule. Upcoming workshops include:

- Friday, October 14, 2016: Thanksgiving Hypertufa Planters
- Saturday, October 29, 2016: Worms Eat My Pumpkins
- Saturday, November 19, 2016: Economical Aquaponics
- Saturday, November 26, 2016: Xeric Holiday Wreath

Advanced registration is required. Call 748-5315 or email – workshops@hbws.org to reserve a space at one (1) of the workshops. Visit the BWS website www.boardofwatersupply.com to check out the full list of classes being offered. The Halawa Xeriscape Garden remains open to the public on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Residents are welcomed to drop by to see dozens of attractive and less-thirsty plants on display, as well as pick up a complimentary seed packet.

Comments followed: Thanksgiving Hypertufa Planters – Koga asked about the Thanksgiving Hypertufa Planters. Nakamura did not know, but will follow up.

CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor Kirk Caldwell's Representative – Executive Director Nicole Velasco, Mayor's Office of Economic Development (OED) was not able to attend the meeting and a Memo for the Record reported that there were no concerns from last month. A poster for Make-A-Difference Month and the O'ahu News for October 2016 were available.

Councilmember Carol Fukunaga – Chair Wong reported that Councilmember Fukunaga was on the mainland, meeting about the rail system and a newsletter was available.

Councilmember Joey Manahan – No representative was present and a newsletter was available.

STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS

Governor David Ige's Representative – Suzanne Case, Chairwoman of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) was not present and a newsletter was available.

Senator Donna Mercado Kim – Nancy Bernal distributed Senator Mercado Kim's newsletter and reported the following:

- Letter from Hawai'i Public Housing Authority (HPHA) Executive Director Hakim Ouansafi – Bernal noted that the letter addressed many of the concerns.
- Community Watch – Community Watch Training with HPD has been rescheduled to Tuesday, October 11, 2016 and Thursday, October 13, 2016. Both trainings will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Akira Sakima Recreation Center at Kalihi Valley District Park. Contact Senator Kim's office at (808) 587-7200 by Wednesday, October 5, 2016 to reserve a spot.
- Community Meeting – The community's input and guidance are welcomed at the upcoming 21st Century Kalihi Visioning Workshop on Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW) Union Hall at 1935 Hau Street. With the possible relocation of the Oahu Community Correctional Center (OCCC) from its current location in Kalihi, Governor Ige seeks a renaissance for Kalihi. The Office of Planning leads a group of community leaders in convening a series of community meetings to let Kalihi speak about what Kalihi wants and what role it will play in the future of Honolulu.

Comments followed:

1. Community Watch – McDonald wants to go to the training and start a Neighborhood Security Watch (NSW).
2. Bus Stop on Likie Highway at Kamehameha Shopping Center – Au Young-Chong mentioned that due to road repair work, the bus stop was moved near Kapalama Elementary, but the shelter was not. Au Young-Chong asked how long the road work will last and if a temporary shelter could go up. Ms. Bernal will follow up.
3. Kapālama Canal and OCCC Discussion – Au Young-Chong asked if the upcoming 21st Century Kalihi Visioning Workshop on Saturday, October 22, 2016 will have more discussion about the Kapālama Canal and OCCC. Ms. Bernal will follow up on the agenda.

Chair Wong relinquished the gavel to Vice Chair McDonald.

4. Bus Stop – Wong asked if the bus stop was under Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) or Department of Transportation Services (DTS). He noticed that the trenching work had no activity for a while and that there was no pedestrian detour. Seniors were inconvenienced. Ms. Bernal will follow up.

Vice Chair McDonald returned the gavel to Chair Wong.

5. OCCC – Koga asked about OCCC. Bernal responded that the discussion was ongoing and the relocation has not been finalized.

Vice Speaker of the House, Representative John Mizuno – No representative was present and no newsletter was available.

Comments followed:

1. Malina Street – Yadao reported the buckling of the sidewalk, near a fire hydrant before 1735 Malina Street.

Chair Wong relinquished the gavel to Vice Chair McDonald.

2. Flooding in Kalihi Valley – Wong noted that he received an e-mail about flooding in Kalihi Valley and suggested stream dredging. Au Young-Chong added that after Hurricane Darby all streambeds were checked. Residents did not know where to go for help for the damages – the Bank of Hawaii property, Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP), Department of Facility Maintenance (DFM), or State Department of Health (DOH) because it is a safety issue. Wong suggested getting everyone (State and City) involved and do a preventative coalition.

Vice Chair McDonald returned the gavel to Chair Wong.

RESIDENTS' AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS – There were none.

PRESENTATIONS

State of Hawaii Office of Elections, Election Day Volunteers – April Bautista explained the State Office of Elections' volunteer and fundraising opportunities for the 2016 General Election, which is on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. It will be a long day starting at 5:30am and Bautista advised to bring a cooler. Volunteers earn a \$75 – \$85 stipend. Volunteers must be 16 years of age by June 30, 2016, registered or pre-registered Hawai'i voter, and attend a one (1)-hour training session on Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

Office of Elections is recruiting for the following positions:

- Precincts Officials, who assist voters at the polling place. Training is scheduled for Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at Lanakila Elementary School and for Monday, October 24, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at Kaimuki High School.
- Delivery & Collection Teams, who delivers ballots and election supplies to the polling places on election morning and collects voted ballots and election supplies, after the polls have closed on Election Day. Each team consist of two (2) members. Transportation is courtesy of TheCab, and training is provided online.
- Control Center Operator, who responds to telephone inquiries and requests from polling places, using a computer-based call center system. Training is scheduled for Monday, October 17, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the Hawaii State Capitol House Chambers.

Fundraising Opportunity: Nonprofit Organizations may volunteer as Election Day Officials as a fundraiser. Each organization must provide a tax clearance certificate, memorandum of agreement, and a list of volunteers who have agreed to donate their stipend.

More information: There will be same day voter registration and voting, walk-in voting at Honolulu Hale and Kapolei Hale, and the ballot will be printed in three (3) languages besides English – Chinese, Ilocano, and Japanese. There will be one (1) ballot with two (2) cards – One (1) card will have the candidates and the others will have the State Constitution Amendments and the 20 City Charter Questions. To learn more, visit – www.elections.hawaii.gov or call 453-VOTE (8683).

Comments followed: Left Handedness – Au Young-Chong mentioned that the pens were placed for right-handed voters and asked if the pens could be placed in the middle. Bautista will take the suggestion back, but Honolulu Hale and Kapolei Hale would be under the City jurisdiction. Early Voting will be from Tuesday, October 25, 2016 to

Saturday, November 5, 2016. Note – At the front table tonight, five (5) out of six (6) people were left-handed. Ms. Yadao mentioned that at Kalihi Uka School, the pens were lost and had to be bought at a store.

BOARD BUSINESS

Neighborhood Patrols and Watch – This item was previously discussed.

S-Curve Updates – There were no updates available.

Kalihi Valley Board Meeting Venue, Date, and Time – **Au Young-Chong moved and McDonald seconded that the Kalihi Valley Neighborhood Board No. 16 discuss the Meeting Venue, Date, and Time.** Au Young-Chong wanted to follow up with the Neighborhood Assistant if there was a follow up on Dole Middle School or Our Lady on the Mount Church. Chair Wong mentioned that the board itself needed to do the research and present its findings to the NCO. There was no follow up done to investigate about options, school/church fees, parking, space available. Au Young-Chong inquired if board member Donahue was able to obtain 50 new chairs. Yadao asked how the board would vote on the new venue without knowing the cost associated of using the venue. She also had concerns about space for attendees. There was no new information. Koga recommended that the issue be deferred. **As there were no objections, Chair Wong deferred this item to the next meeting.** Treasurer Au Young-Chong asked about the budget. Neighborhood Assistant Ho will follow up.

Three (3) Absences Letter for Jack Nagaishi – **Yadao moved and Au Young-Chong seconded that the Kalihi Valley Neighborhood Board No. 16 declares Jack Nagaishi's seat vacant.** Discussion followed. Au Young-Chong asked if Nagaishi sent a formal letter of resignation. Wong noted that there was no letter, but acknowledged that Nagaishi is a first responder and has a duty to serve for the safety of the community. **The motion was NOT ADOPTED, 3-2-0 (AYE: McDonald, Wong, and Yadao; NAY: Au Young-Chong, Koga; ABSTAIN: None). No action taken. Nagaishi is retained as a board member.**

Three (3) Absences Letter for Wilton Ching – **Yadao moved and Au Young-Chong seconded that the Kalihi Valley Neighborhood Board No. 16 declares Wilton Ching's seat vacant.** Discussion followed. Chair Wong mentioned that Ching has served with distinction for many years of service to the Kalihi Valley Neighborhood Board and community. However, due to health issues and discussion with Ching's family, it was decided with no slight to Ching to vacate his seat. Yadao asked if the board could present a certificate of appreciation to Ching. Wong noted that the family fully acknowledges the board's appreciation without the need of a certificate. **The motion was ADOPTED by UNANIMOUS CONSENT, 5-0-0 (AYE: Au Young-Chong, Koga, McDonald, Wong, and Yadao; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None).** Chair Wong will write and mail a letter of appreciation to Ching.

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2016 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – As the September 14, 2016 regular meeting minutes were not mailed out in a timely manner for review, Chair Wong deferred the approval of the minutes to the next meeting.

OTHER REPORTS

Chair's Report – Chair Wong received email from a constituent about Kupehau Slopes Mini Park that the grass is extremely tall. After last month's Neighborhood Board meeting, Chair Wong met with the Iglesia Ni Cristo Church, which will get the required permits and start working with the community on bettering relations. The church is looking into obtain a permit to install windows and air conditioners, and the church is looking to better its image in the community.

Vice Chair's Report – Vice Chair McDonald went to the OCCC meeting on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at Farrington High School. There is a draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) question form on the website. Chair Wong also went to the Honolulu Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) 21st Century Kalihi meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Au Young-Chong reported that \$53.23 was spent for the printing and postage of the agenda and minutes for September 2016, leaving a remaining balance of \$241.85.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) Halloween Party – There will be a Halloween Party on Thursday, October 27, 2016 at the Kalihi Uka Community Park Cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. All ages are invited. Prizes will be given out.

- Neighborhood Commission Office (NCO) Website – New Board picture-taking will be on the next meeting's agenda. Koga and Yadao mentioned that since the taping of the September 2016 regular meeting was delayed, the minutes and agenda were not posted on Friday, October 7, 2016.
- Next Meeting – The next regular meeting of the Kalihi Valley Neighborhood Board No. 16 is scheduled for Wednesday, November 9, 2016, 7:00 p.m., at the Akira Sakima Recreation Center.
- Broadcast Meetings – The Kalihi Valley Neighborhood Board No. 16 regular meetings are aired on 'Ōlelo Channel 49 on the fourth Saturday of the month at 6:00 p.m., and the first and third Sunday of the month at 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: As there was no further business before the Board, Chair Wong adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by: K. Russell Ho, Neighborhood Assistant

Reviewed by: Neil Baarde, Neighborhood Assistant Supervisor

Finalized by: Chair Chris Wong, Vice Chair McDonald, and Secretary Chester Koga